

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after-final amendment of 11/26/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22,24,26,27,29 and 30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with on 12/12/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace claim 22 with the following:

- 22. A sanitary arm sleeve structure for an arm of a user inserting thereinto, comprising:

a fabric made arm sleeve, adapted for receiving said user's arm therewithin, having an outer side, an opposed inner side, and a free edge defining an edge portion thereat;

a sleeve protection layer, which is overlapped on and encircled with said arm sleeve, having an upper edge attached to an outer side of said arm sleeve at a position below an elbow of the user's arm, a lower edge which is extended to said free edge of

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said arm sleeve to inwardly fold into said arm sleeve and is attached to said inner side of said arm sleeve to encirclingly enclose said edge portion of said arm sleeve within said sleeve protection layer; and

an elastic retaining loop comprising a blocking strap having an inner edge and an outer edge extended from said inner side of said arm sleeve at said edge portion thereof, and a circular elastic element provided around said inner edge of said blocking strap within said arm sleeve for applying an elastic binding force around said user's arm above a wrist thereof, so as to retain said arm sleeve in position that said sleeve protection layer is capable of encircling around said user's arm, wherein said outer edge of said blocking strap is integrally extended from said lower edge of said arm sleeve protection layer such that said lower edge is inwardly folded to overlap on said inner side of said arm sleeve to form the entire blocking strap and to enclose said edge portion of said arm sleeve. --

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above claim 22 is considered allowable because the prior art fails to show a sleeve wherein a sleeve protection layer wraps around the bottom of the sleeve to continuously form an entire blocking strap, connected to an elastic band, within the sleeve. That is - it is the sleeve protection layer, and only the sleeve protection layer,

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which forms the blocking strap within the sleeve, for attachment to the elastic band that encircles a wearer's wrist.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jena A. Sold whose telephone number is (571) 272-8610. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Welch can be reached on (571) 272-4996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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